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STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 181, SD1 RELATING TO VETERANS
PRESENTATION TO THE

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS, MILITARY, & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, & CULTURE
AND THE ARTS

BY

MR. RONALD P. HAN
DIRECTOR OF STATE OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES

March 16, 2015

Chair Ito, Vice-Chair Tokioka, and Members of the Committee:

I'm Ron Han, Director of the State Office of Veterans Services (OVS). I appreciate this opportunity to provide written testimony in support of Senate Bill 181, SD1. Recommend to insert the repealed language of Act 133, SLH 2012, Section 38 in this measure as long as its implementation does not impact or replace the priorities set forth in the Executive Budget.

This bill allows the Department of Education to continue awarding veteran's high school diplomas to qualified veterans who did not receive a high school diploma as a result of compulsory induction into active service in the armed services of the United States until June 30, 2020.

For example, this measure would help individuals who received draft notices during the Vietnam Conflict and had to curtail their formal schooling to support our National interest and efforts abroad. With recognition and commemoration events forthcoming with the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War, there may be citizens who were unaware of this special bill that was enacted several years ago to award them a veteran's high school diploma on behalf of a grateful Nation and State.

Thank you for your support of Veterans and their families and for this opportunity to offer my comments.



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**Testimony in Support of SENATE BILL 181 SD1
Relating to Veterans Before the
House Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs & Culture and the Arts
Hearing On Monday, March 16, 2015, 9:00 A.M.
In Conference Room 312**

Chair Ito, Vice Chair Tokioka and Committee Members,

The Department of Hawaii, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) represents 3,800 members in 20 Posts located throughout the State of Hawaii. VFW is a federally chartered national association of soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen who have served the United States of America in wars, campaigns, and expeditions on foreign soil or in hostile waters.

S.B. 181 SD1 Allows the department of education to continue, until June 30, 2020, awarding high school diplomas to qualified veterans who did not receive a high school diploma as a result of compulsory induction into active service in the armed services of the United States or any person whose high school education was interrupted due to wartime practices such as internment during World War II. (SD1)

VFW Hawaii concurs with the findings of the Senate Committees on Ways and Means: “that compulsory induction into active service in the Armed Services of the United States and other wartime practices caused individuals to defer their educational goals;” and “that continuation of this program to award high school diplomas to these individuals allows them to receive the recognition and gratitude from the State for their wartime sacrifices to their country.”

All VFW Hawaii members are grateful for your effort to provide this opportunity for some of our comrades, whose high school education might have been interrupted by the Vietnam-era draft, to receive their diplomas from the Department of Education.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of S.B. 181 SD1.

Lawrence M.G. Enomoto

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Stanley Y. Fernandez Sr.	Individual	Support	No

Comments: In support of SB181. Veterans who were drafted and pulled out of school should be given the opportunity to obtain their High school diploma. They were called to support their nation and many gave their ultimate sacrifice for freedom. In support of SB181.

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